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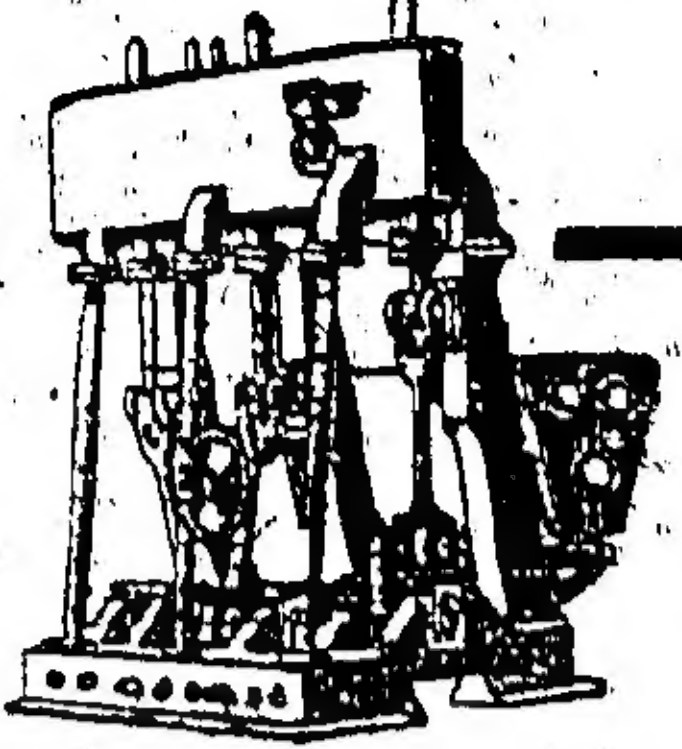
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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

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#### AMERICA PREPARING FOR WAR.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.  
The outward calm of the nation  
conceals tremendous secret preparations  
for war. Soldiers are drilling  
according to the latest European  
methods. It is stated that General  
Pershing's force, which has just  
returned from Mexico, is one of the  
most perfectly equipped in the world.  
Throughout eleven months in Mexico  
it practiced hand-grenade battles,  
advancing behind barrage fire, en-  
trenching and repelling attacks, with  
fleets of aeroplanes, accompanied by  
caterpillar tractors somewhat resem-  
bling the "tanks."

New York, Feb. 8.  
The testing of 16-inch guns at  
Sandyhook caused a panic among  
thousands at Long Island, who  
thought it to be a German boat-  
boardment. They were quickly reassured.  
The new National League for  
Women's Service met at the Vander-  
bilt residence and planned an  
organization of women in the event  
of war.

#### THE ATTITUDE OF OTHER NEUTRALS.

HOLLAND.  
THE HAGUE, Feb. 7.  
The Foreign Minister has pointed  
out to the United States Charge  
d'Affaires that the reasons governing  
the action of the United States  
towards Germany do not apply to  
Holland, because the attitude of the  
United States is the result of anterior  
negotiations.

LATER.  
In the States General the Premier  
said the Government, energetically  
protested against the latest German  
submarinism. He said the Govern-  
ment did not intend to depart from  
neutrality and would not, desist from  
the resolve to resist by force of arms  
any violation of Dutch territory.

SPAIN.  
LONDON, Feb. 7.  
Spain has resolved not to abandon  
neutrality, but will resolutely defend  
her national interests and dignity  
while protesting against the German  
submarining of merchantmen.

NORWAY.  
CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 7.  
The Norwegian Government has  
replied to the appeal of the United  
States that it cannot adhere to the  
latter's action towards Germany,  
adding that the three Scandinavian  
kingdoms are now discussing their  
attitude on the basis of international  
law.

GREECE.  
ATHENS, Feb. 7.  
The American request to Greece  
to define her attitude towards Ger-  
many's unrestricted submarine war  
is sounding other neutrals before  
replying.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN  
REPUBLICS.  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 7.  
Mr. Lauro Muller, the Foreign  
Minister of Brazil, has further con-  
ferred with the representatives of  
the other South American Republics.  
It is stated that Chile and Argentina  
have not as yet approved the Bra-  
zilian Note. Argentina is of opinion  
that the German-American rupture  
has come too late. The negotiations  
with the South American States  
continue.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 8.  
The President is considering the  
subject of convoys. A special  
Cabinet has been called on the sub-  
ject. In official circles the opinion  
is expressed that the Government  
will make no special declaration, but  
merely announce its intention of  
safeguarding national interests. The  
newspapers urge the Government to  
support President Wilson.

LATER.  
The Argentine Government has  
replied to Germany regretting that  
the Emperor has considered such  
extreme measures necessary, and  
declaring that the Government will  
base its conduct, as always, on the  
fundamental principles of interna-  
tional law.

#### GERMANY HOLDS U.S. MINISTER AS HOSTAGE.

ALSO ALL AMERICANS IN  
GERMANY.  
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.  
Mr. Gerard, the United States  
Minister at Berlin, telegraphs that  
he and all Americans are detained  
as hostages until the departure of  
Count Bernstorff, the German Am-  
bassador at Washington, and the  
Germans who were aboard German  
merchantmen in American ports is  
guaranteed.

#### GERMAN SHIPPING OUTRAGES IN AMERICAN PORTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.  
The Secretary of War in a state-  
ment admits that in various harbours  
of the Philippines, as well as at  
Colon and Panama, parts of machi-  
nery had been removed from German  
merchantmen.

New York, Feb. 8.  
The information regarding the  
disabling of interned German ships  
is conflicting. Now it is authorita-  
tively stated that they are not  
irreparably damaged, but only suf-  
ficiently to disable them temporarily.  
The New York World says that  
vital parts of the machinery were  
removed to safe places of hiding.  
One of the big liners can be repaired  
in less than two months.

#### THE RATIFICATION OF THE RUPTURE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.  
The resolution of the Senate ratify-  
ing the rupture of negotiations was  
generally supported with the excep-  
tion of a few Republican pacifists.  
Senator Lodge, who has been a very  
bitter opponent of President Wilson  
in the past, urged his colleagues to  
show that the people were united in  
supporting the Government on this  
grave question. All the speakers  
pledged their unquestioning support  
to the Government in the event of  
war.

#### GERMAN INTERESTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

BERNE, Feb. 8.  
Switzerland has agreed to take  
charge of German interests in the  
United States.

#### AMERICA AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 8.  
The Vienna Allgemeine Zeitung  
states that the American Ambassador  
is still conferring with the Foreign  
Minister with a view to the contin-  
uance of Austro-American relations.  
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## INTIMATIONS

## THE KOWLOON LAND &amp; BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, 10th February, 1917, at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of DIRECTORS together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 1st to SATURDAY 10th February, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
Hongkong Land Investment &  
Agency Co., Ltd.  
General Agents for the  
Kowloon Land and Building  
Company Limited.  
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1917. 1440

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 10th February, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers  
Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1917. 1454

## HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on SATURDAY, 17th February, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1916, with the report of the Directors and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 17th February, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
J. H. TAGGART,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, Feb. 1, 1917. 1468

## THE HONGKONG &amp; KOWLOON WHARF &amp; GODOWN CO. LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 22nd February, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 12th February to THURSDAY, 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. S. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1917. 1467

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
N. J. STABE,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1917. 1469

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## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

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Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917. 1473

## NOTICE.

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Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1466

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Hongkong, Jan. 9, 1917. 1407

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## WEST-END LUXURY.

## LABOUR AND TWO-GUINEA BOXES OF CHOCOLATES.

## PROMPT ACTION DEMANDED.

Organised labour resumed the attack on food prices at a National Conference at the Central Hall, Westminster. Upwards of 2,000 representatives, drawn from the trade unions, co-operative societies, trade councils, local Labour parties, Socialist societies, and women's industrial and co-operative organisations, were present.

The resolution put forward for debate stated that no policy would give public confidence which did not include the purchase of all imported essential foodstuffs by the Government, the commandeering or controlling of home products, shipping and freights, and the placing of supplies on the market at prices securing full benefit to the consumer.

The organisation of production was also insisted upon.

At the outset Mr. G. J. Wardle, M.P., said it was unfortunate that the conference should clash with a political crisis of the first magnitude.

The chief complaint of labour was that all steps taken were belated. "There is little evidence yet," he said, "that they are convinced of the necessity of prompt action to secure adequate food supplies. Labour demands a positive and constructive policy. It is the policy that demands that national energies shall be organised to make the most of national resources."

Mr. G. P. Clynes, M.P., in moving the resolution, regretted the unfortunate indifference of the working classes when the first appeal was made to them to revolt against rising prices.

The political crisis was great enough, but the conference showed that there was something higher in the minds of the people than a Ministerial crisis.

The workers were not entitled to the leaving of food, but to the best. "We hear from Mr. Runciman that this is a time for all to sacrifice. Our answer is that the sacrifice has been imposed on one class only."

"If the price of labour is to be fixed, so must the price of wheat, of meat, and the necessities of life."

Mr. Ammon, speaking from the floor, dubbed the resolution as a pious expression of opinion which, unless the bulk of the conference put vitality into the proceedings, would leave the workers where they had been for two years.

In regard to sugar, where was the control? If they walked through the West End to-day one could see chocolates being sold from two guineas and more a box.

Mr. H. J. May, parliamentary secretary to the Co-operative Society, seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation.

STOOL.

"If the users of sugar—from the great manufacturers of sweets and confectionary, using hundreds of tons per week, to the householder using only a few pounds—had carried out the wishes of the Commission by proportionately reducing output, or consumption, there would have been no occasion for the complaint of want of sugar of which we have seen so much in the public press."

This statement was made by Mr. Edwin Tate, presiding at the annual meeting of Messrs. Henry Tate and Sons (Limited).

It was possible, he added, to imagine what would have happened had the Government not undertaken the purchase of both refined and raw sugar and fixed the wholesale and retail prices. The difficulties in chartering vessels and arranging freights must have been enormous, and great credit was due to the Commission for having carried out their work with so little inconvenience.

There had been times of real shortage, but these had been caused by circumstances beyond the power of the Commission to prevent. The price of sugar had been kept to a very moderate

figure, even compared with that in neutral countries, and the difficulty had been to reduce consumption.

According to the Board of Trade figures, the actual consumption in the United Kingdom for the 12 months January, October this year had only been 16 per cent. less than in 1915, whereas it should have been at least 25 per cent. Practically all our sugar was coming from countries from which the passage must be reckoned by weeks as compared with almost as many hours before the war.

Mr. Tate predicted that the industry was likely to remain under the control of the Commission for a considerable time, for even if the war were to end soon, it would be impossible to return to normal conditions so long as freights and the shortage of tonnage remained as they were.

## OVERLAND INVADES CAPITAL OF MOORS.

## One of the most arduous motor trips ever undertaken was successfully accomplished recently in Morocco.

The trip, from Tangier to the Atlantic coast to the inland city of Fez, was made by the Tangier Overland Distributor in an overland Model 33. The distance covered totalled over five hundred miles and the time spent en route occupied from July 25th till August 2nd.

The trip is particularly interesting in that it marks the first passage between the two cities of any vehicle on wheels and the first entry of a motor car into the ancient and sacred capital of the Moors.

The trip was made over sections of camel and mule tracks. Only twenty miles of the whole distance could be travelled by the most direct route, and the remainder was made up of a series of detours and in many instances were entirely lost.

The road conditions may be imagined when it is stated that the continuous jolting of the car entirely severed a stout leather strap that was used to hold two spare wheels on the rear.

The road conditions, in themselves, would be sufficient to deter many stout hearts from the trip, let alone the ungoverned nature of the country through which the trip was made, for the clearest flowing on the river banks would have served to conceal a band of robbers. Indeed, the Red Mountain ("Alba El Hamra"), which once sheltered the famous bandit Raisouli, was one of the sights of interest encountered, and the tourists passed through the old lair of the famous Salim pirates.

Active guides had to be relied on almost entirely, and in many cases the guides themselves furnished much of the uncertainty. In one instance guidance was most ably proffered by two strikingly handsome Arabs—men of unusually fine physique. But, unfortunately for the travellers, the knowledge of native customs read in the scars on the Arabs' noses, the brands of men of uncertain character.

The car furnished a source of great wonderment to the natives, especially when travelling at night, as "was some time necessary. The headlights, which were visible for a great distance ahead, caused the car to be branded as an unholy travelling light.

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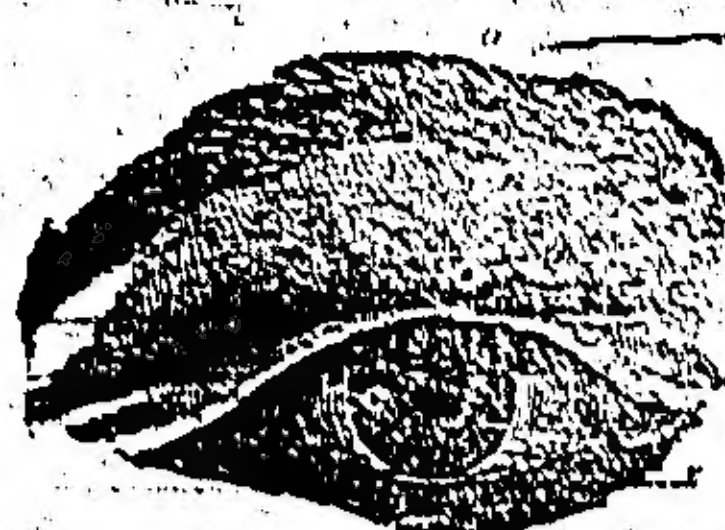
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THE INSTITUTE will Re-open on  
MONDAY, the 12th February.  
Students should attend at Queen's  
College at 8 P.M. on that date, for  
Enrolment.  
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## THE DIARY.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Kowloon Land and Building  
Co's Meeting.  
Noon.—Humphreys' Estate and  
Finance Co's Meeting.  
2.15 p.m.—Cricket: H. K. C. C. v.  
K. C. C. at Kowloon.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Clothing and  
Effects of late A. W. Button at  
Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
Laying of Foundation Stone of new  
Chinese Y.M.C.A. building by  
Bishop Lander.  
Inspection of the H.K. Police Reserve  
by H.E. the Governor.

## General Memoranda.

Tuesday, Feb. 13.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of one Grafonia  
and Books on Gardening.  
Wednesday, Feb. 14.—  
1.15 p.m.—Concert at Helens May  
Institute.  
Thursday, Feb. 15.—  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous  
Stock (Lady's Silk Hose and Boots  
and Shoes etc.)  
Saturday, Feb. 17.—  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household  
Linen at Messrs. Hughes and  
Hough's.  
Noon.—Hongkong Hotel Co's Meeting.  
Monday, Feb. 19.—  
5.30 p.m.—Lecture at Helens May  
Institute.  
Tuesday, Feb. 20.—  
Shrove Tuesday.  
Wednesday, Feb. 21.—  
Ash Wednesday.  
Friday, Feb. 23.—  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement  
Day.  
Saturday, Feb. 24.—  
Noon.—Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation's Meeting.  
Mon. 25, Tues. 27 & Wed. Feb. 28.—  
Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.  
Thursday, March 1.—  
St. David's Day.  
Saturday, March 3.—  
H.K. Jockey Club Race Meeting 'Off'  
Day.

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Storekeepers.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The temperature at the Peak Tram  
station this morning was down to 45  
degrees. At the Race Course this  
morning it was 13 degrees lower than  
yesterday morning.

The Kowloon Land and Building  
Company and the Humphreys' Estate  
and Finance Company hold their meet-  
ings of shareholders to-morrow, at 11  
a.m. and noon respectively.

The proceeds of Mr. Denman  
Fuller's Piano Recital given at Govern-  
ment House on Monday last amounted  
to \$1,000.25 in all, of which the sum of  
\$145.15 goes to the Scottish Women's  
Hospital Fund and the balance to the  
H. K. W. V. Association.

According to the *Peking Daily News*  
the first two railways to be built by the  
Siemens-Carey Syndicate are the Chucho-  
Chinchow railway, which connects  
Huanan and Kwangtung, and the  
Railway from Chowchikow, Honan,  
to Siangyang-yang; Hupoh. The first  
line is 700 miles in length, and the  
second one 200 miles.

## THE COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

The latest Water Return, which  
shows the water situation of the  
Colony on the 1st inst., supplies  
some arresting information. In the  
first place, it is to be noted that the  
storages on the island amounted to  
only 339.55 millions of gallons as  
compared with 588.74 millions of  
gallons on the same date last year.  
And it not been for the good  
progress which has been made during  
the past year with the construction  
of Tytan low level works we should  
be in a very bad plight indeed. The  
official statement itself gives the  
position thus:—

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.	1916	1917
Tytan.....	273.92	53.30
Tytan Byewash.....	1.10	nil
Tytan Intermediate.....	302.84	6.90
Tytan Low Level.....	54.00	233.85
Wong Nai Chung.....	5.90	nil
Pokfulam.....	38.68	13.98
Total.....	588.74	339.55

The necessary rain to replenish  
these reservoirs seems as far off as  
ever. Since the beginning of the  
year we have had less than half an  
inch of rain, as against an average  
of nearly two inches. At the present  
rate of consumption there is just over  
three months' supply in the reservoirs  
on the island. It is to be hoped that  
the rain will come long before the  
stage of complete exhaustion of the  
present supplies is reached; but when  
it is recalled that the drought which  
produced the last water famine in the  
Colony (in 1902) lasted till the month  
of May, the prospect which the  
present fine weather suggests cannot  
leave us free from anxiety. Kowloon  
is much better off. In the gravitation  
reservoir on the 1st inst. the  
supply amounted to 248.96 millions  
of gallons, as compared with 287.46  
millions of gallons on the same date  
last year, and, at the present rate  
of consumption, 248.96 millions of  
gallons represents a seven months'  
supply for Kowloon; so that  
there is no fear of the Kow-  
loon population being put upon a  
street fountain supply—unless, of  
course, the need arises for sharing  
their supply with the population of  
the island. So far, the rain we have  
had this year has scarcely been  
sufficient to lay the dust: it has not  
added to the water supply in the  
slightest.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	3.30 p.m.
Douglases.....	114 buyers
Def. Indos.....	114 sellers
Star Forries.....	33 buyers
China Sugars.....	124 s. & s. buyers
Wharves.....	38 buyers
Docks.....	126 sellers
China Providents.....	9 sellers
Cement.....	11.40 buyers
Laokate.....	21 sellers
Shanghai Docks.....	85 sellers

News has reached Japan of the death  
in Switzerland of Mr. H. C. Bensfield,  
barrister-at-law, who formerly practised  
in Kobe and later in Shanghai. His  
death was due to tuberculosis.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## ATTEMPT TO BRIBE A CONSTABLE.

The remanded case in which a  
Chinese man and woman were  
charged with removing earth from  
Crown land and attempting to bribe  
a constable was again brought before  
Mr. Wood this afternoon.

The defendants, who pleaded not  
guilty, were prosecuted on the first  
charge by the Public Works Depart-  
ment and on the second charge by  
the Police.

Mr. Haywood appeared as solicitor  
for the defence.

It was alleged that defendants  
were removing earth from Crown  
land, in Sai Kok at Sham Shui Po,  
and were asked by an Indian Ser-  
geant to produce a permit from the  
Public Works Department. As the  
defendants had no permit he arrested  
them and while in his custody they  
offered to give him \$3.50 to set them  
free. The policeman, however, was  
not to be bribed and took them to  
the Police Station.

After evidence was taken his Wor-  
ship announced that the defendants  
would be convicted, but he remanded  
the case for them to make good the  
damage.

## A BOLD THEFT.

A Chinese was charged before Mr.  
Wood with the theft of a jacket from  
a shop in Queen's Road West. It appeared  
the defendant entered the shop and  
said he wanted to buy a jacket. When  
shown one he asked to see another.  
No sooner had the shopkeeper turned  
his back than the prisoner dashed out  
of the shop with the jacket in his hand.  
He was seen, however, by Police  
Reserve Sergeant Wong San Lin, who  
chased and caught the offender before  
he could dispose of the stolen garment.  
The defendant pleaded guilty and was  
sentenced to one month's hard labour.

## AN OPTUM CASE.

A Chinese, appeared before Mr. Wood,  
charged with having in his possession  
1,400 tons of prepared opium, imported  
into the Colony on the 26th Feb.  
The defendant pleaded not guilty  
and his case was remanded until next  
week.

## UNWHOLESOME PORK FOR SALE.

In Mr. Melbourne's Court yesterday  
afternoon a Chinese pork dealer of the  
Western Market was charged with  
having in his possession for sale, pork  
unfit for human consumption.  
The owner of the Market said he  
saw the defendant selling the pork and  
took a portion of it to Dr. Gibson,  
Veterinary Surgeon, who pronounced it  
unwholesome.  
The defendant pleaded not guilty but  
His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 or  
in default, one month's imprisonment.

## A TRICK TO EXPORT SULPHUR.

An old Chinese was charged before  
Mr. C. D. Melbourne with attempting  
to export 68 lbs. of sulphur packed in  
a kerosene tin. The sulphur was  
discovered by an Indian guard aboard  
the steamer *Hoi Ming*. The guard's  
suspicions were aroused by the unusual  
weight of the kerosene tin and upon  
opening a hole in it he found the sulphur.  
The sulphur was confiscated and the  
defendant fined \$100 or in default six  
weeks' hard labour.

## THE NEW WAR LOAN.

The following telegrams were sent to  
the Press of Singapore for publication:—  
Governor to Secretary of State for  
Colonies.

With reference to prospectus new War  
Loans enquiries being made locally as to  
whether subscribers to former Imperial  
War Loans will be able to comply with  
provisions made for conversion as in pre-  
scribed form as laid down in prospectus.  
No supply of forms available locally and  
there is no mail able to reach United  
Kingdom till after Feb. 16th. Should be  
glad of early reply.

Secretary of State for Colonies to  
Governor.

With reference to your telegram of  
January 18th, New War Loan. Treasury  
state that conversion application forms  
have been sent by the Bank of England  
to all sole and first stockholders of War  
Loans and that those whose replies  
could not be received until after 16th  
February that requests to convert will  
be accepted if received back by return  
post. Bank will also accept conversion  
applications put forward by bankers  
on behalf of absent stockholders with  
undertaking to obtain confirmatory in-  
structions from stockholders when able  
to do so.

## A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy  
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for the past forty years and has gained  
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## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

## (Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

## CHINA AND THE WAR.

## THE GERMAN SUBMARINE POLICY CONSIDERED.

PEKING, Feb. 7.

The American Minister presented to  
the Foreign Department on the 4th inst.  
a communication notifying America's  
severance of diplomatic relations with  
Germany. On the 5th inst. the Cabinet  
held a special meeting at which, besides  
all the Ministers, three important  
advisers attended.

Owing to the non-receipt of any official  
communication from Germany respecting  
her intentions with regard to neutral  
ships, no decision was reached as to  
what steps are to be taken, but judging  
from the political situation the Cabinet  
is inclined to side with the majority of  
the nations.

Koo Wai Kwan, the Chinese Minister  
in Washington, has cabled three  
messages in the last two days, reporting  
on American policy towards Germany  
and its effects on China.

After several confidential meetings  
the President and Cabinet are still  
undecided as to what course to take  
in regard to the American Note.

The American Minister called on the  
President. The conversation lasted an  
hour and a half.

The German Minister called on the  
Premier, Tien Ku Shui, and on  
Wu Ting Fang, the Foreign  
Minister, enquiring as to the attitude  
of China, but up to the hour of writing  
no official decision is known.

PEKING, Feb. 8.

Government officials and a "noted  
personage" are divided in opinion  
respecting the new situation in world  
politics. One section advocates tem-  
porarily giving no indication of China's  
attitude, while the other section  
advocates the adoption of the same  
attitude as America.

The Government has held an emer-  
gency conference at which the following  
measures were decided:

- 1.—The Naval Ministry will despatch  
ships to maintain neutrality.
- 2.—The Cabinet shall wire to the  
provinces prohibiting the people from  
discussing the situation.
- 3.—The Foreign Department to be  
strictly forbidden to reveal secrets.
- 4.—Officials who have a knowledge  
of world politics to be invited to attend  
a Cabinet meeting.

Wong Chin Yuen, the Tukwan of  
Hupoh, has instructed his subordinates  
to maintain neutrality and to order  
Chinese warships to protect foreigners.

Wu Ting Fang, Minister of Foreign  
Affairs, received various Ministers  
yesterday.

## THE SHANGHAI OPIUM STOCKS.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9.

Great astonishment and indignation  
are expressed here on account of the  
report that the Vice-President,  
Fung Kwok Chang, following the  
advice Tang Shao Yee and Nan  
Chung Yao, has signed an agreement  
with the Opium Combitis to purchase  
2,500 chests of opium at Ts. 8,200 per  
chest, payment to be made in ten  
instalments by treasury bonds.

## "KISMET"

## A RECORD THEATRICAL CON-TRIBUTION TO CHARITY.

After paying all expenses of produc-  
tion, a draft for £550 sterling has been  
forwarded to the Lady Cowdry, Hon.  
Treasurer British Women's Hospital  
"Star and Garter" Building Fund, as  
the result of the performances of this  
Play, which probably creates a record  
for theatrical contributions to charities  
sent from this Colony.

The Committee of the Amateur  
Dramatic Club take this opportunity to  
thank all those who assisted in any way  
in the Production as well as the many  
Firms and Business Houses who so  
kindly helped to arrive at so good a  
result by free gifts or reduced prices.

## CRICKET.

K. C. C. "A" v. H. K. C. C.  
This match will be played to-morrow  
on the K. C. C. ground, starting at 2.15  
P.M.  
K. C. C. team—J. P. Robinson, B. D.  
Evans, J. V. Braga, W. H. Stapleton, H.  
Overy, A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, F.  
W. Wood, Dr. C. Forsyth, J. H. Mead,  
A. E. F. Raven.

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IT is absurd to allow a cough to hang  
on and sap your vitality, when  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure  
you. You don't know where a persistent  
cough will land you. You can't afford  
to allow your throat and lungs to become  
diseased, when it is such a simple thing  
to step into Chamberlain's shop and get a  
bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.  
For sale by all Chemists and Store-  
keepers.

## AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

## THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL PARTIES.

## A PRESIDENTIAL DEMENTI AND AN ORDER.

The following is a translation of an  
order which the President has wired to  
the Military in the provinces, prohib-  
iting them from becoming members of  
political parties:

To the Tu Chun, Governors and Tar-  
tar-Generals of the Provinces: There is  
an order of the Government prohibiting  
Military men from affiliating themselves  
with any political party. In deference  
to this order, I Yuan-hung, declared the  
severance of my connection with the po-  
litical party to which I had hitherto been  
affiliated as soon as I arrived in the  
Capital. After the assumption of my  
office last year, I have repeatedly issued  
orders calling the attention of military  
men in the country to this matter  
and these words must still be  
fresh in the mind of the people.

It is with much regret we have to  
observe that at the present moment the  
country is beset with manifold troubles  
and difficulties and that talents are  
greatly needed for the service of the  
nation. The courageous and energetic  
often stumble and fall as soon as they  
resolve to proceed, while the wiser and  
more experienced are in the habit of  
giving too much reflection to a particular  
matter or show too much hesitation  
before coming to a resolution. In these  
circumstances, it has been my wish to  
employ men of these two types in the  
Government service at the same time in  
the hope of utilizing their respective  
talents to the fullest extent. For only  
in this way people of different political  
views will be given a chance to show  
their ability in the service of the na-  
tion, while at the same time the Gov-  
ernment—with the help and support of  
persons belonging to more than one  
political party—will be able thoroughly  
to understand the condition of affairs in  
the country just as a big mirror, hung  
on high, reflects everything which passes  
under.

Being of the military profession my-  
self, it is my obvious duty to set an  
example to other military men in the  
country. If my action fails to confirm  
with my own words or violates what I  
once pledged not to do, who will pay due  
attention and respect to my orders in  
future? Moreover, the partiality of a  
Chief Executive of the country to a cer-  
tain party or his prejudice against  
another can only result in political dis-  
order and the fall of the Administration.  
It is, therefore, a great surprise to me to  
hear that a rumour is about that I have  
been affiliated with a certain political  
party. Besides its falseness it is feared  
that this rumour may pass as the  
truth among credulous people and so  
the public may be misled. And mis-  
information by the rumour, some military  
people may do the same, thinking that  
in so doing they will be following the  
example of the Chief Executive.

It would be useless for me to expect  
the country to obey and respect my  
order, if I failed to prove myself as a  
man of right conduct. I hereby once  
more repeat my former statement to my  
commanders, hoping that they will act  
in accordance with it as I have done.  
They are further enjoined not to pay  
heed to unfounded rumours of the kind  
referred to, and they are not allowed  
to affiliate themselves with any of the  
political parties. The foundation of the  
country has not yet been securely settled  
and the day of party feud has not  
passed away yet in this country. It is  
sincerely hoped that all our co-workers  
will be inspired by a spirit of impar-  
tiality, taking the middle course and  
uniting those of different political views  
in a strong bond for the purpose of con-  
solidating the foundation of the country  
and ameliorating the state of affairs.

(signed) Li Yuan-Hung.

## CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA.

## SOME STATISTICS.

Under the joint instruction of the  
Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of the  
Interior, an investigation has been made  
into the present activities of Christian  
missionaries in China. A report to the  
Government on the subject shows that  
there are now 2,717 Catholic and Pro-  
testant Churches in China. There are  
4,228 chapels, 6 Bible Societies, 181 Mis-  
sionary Hospitals and Medical Schools, 4  
Missionary Colleges, 1,171 middle schools,  
and 2,557 primary schools. There are also  
a large number of Y.M.C.A. Branches in  
the provinces.  
The number of converts and of persons  
engaged in propagating the Christian  
religion is also given. According to the  
report there are 1,836 foreign mission-  
aries and 2,716 foreign lady missionaries.  
In addition to these must be added 592  
native preachers, 6,381 native assistants,  
preachers and 1,108 native bible women.  
There are also 2,790 teachers and 186,130  
students in all the Missionary schools,  
288 physicians are working in all the  
hospitals established by the Missionaries.  
The number of native converts of both  
the Catholic and the Protestant faiths is  
35,257,300.—*Peking Gazette*.

## 225,000 FOR NECKLACE.

## STRING OF PEARLS THAT TOOK 28 YEARS TO COLLECT.

As the result of five minutes bidding,  
which started at 210,000, the sum of  
225,000 was paid for a pearl necklace at  
the great pearl sale in London recently  
conducted by Debenham, Storr and Son.  
The purchaser was a dealer—Mr. S. H.  
Harris—and he secured what was de-  
scribed in the catalogue as "a matchless  
necklace of 45 superb pearls of remark-  
able size, perfect shape, colour and  
match, and of beautiful symmetry of  
graduation, weighing 817.08 grs." The  
collection and matching of the pearls  
are said to have occupied a period of  
upwards of 23 years.

For other ropes of pearls: 29,800,  
24,000, 24,000, 24,000, and 24,150 were  
paid.

## TICKLING IN THE THROAT.

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in the throat may be the  
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it at once with Chamberlain's Cough  
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Storekeepers.

## COAL CHAOS IN WALES.

## PITS IDLE BECAUSE OF NO TRUCKS.

## 1,000,000 TONS OF COAL LOST IN SOUTH WALES.

An extraordinary situation the "Daily  
Chronicle" says, has arisen in South  
Wales, owing to the shortage of coal  
trucks, this in turn being due to shipping  
deficiencies. The result is that in the  
past three weeks a large number of  
collieries in the South Wales coalfield  
have been idle for days together, and this  
at a time when an increased production  
of coal is urgently necessary in the  
interests of our munition factories, for  
the needs of our Allies, and for the main-  
tenance of our export trade. It is cal-  
culated that there has been a loss in  
production in the last three weeks, owing  
to the pits being idle from these avoidable  
causes, of no less than one million tons  
of coal.

A few weeks ago the Prime Minister  
and the Home Secretary made a solemn  
appeal to the miners on the subject of  
absenteeism, and urged upon them the  
paramount importance of this crisis in  
our history of the largest possible pro-  
duction of coal. Yet at the present time,  
owing to Government control, or lack of  
control, of the means of distribution,  
thousands of colliers are idle for two or  
three days at a time, because of the  
absence of facilities for taking the coal  
away from the collieries.

## SHIPS MISDIRECTED.

This amazing state of things is due to  
the inadequate supply of ships to take  
away the coal from the South Wales ports  
and to some extent to difficulties about  
licenses for export. Miles of railway  
siding in Cardiff and Newport are choked  
with trucks laden with coal, some of  
which have lain there for many days. No  
doubt this coal was meant for export;  
but if there were efficient control means  
would have been taken to divert it to  
industrial establishments, munition fac-  
tories, and coke ovens, many of which are  
actually suffering from coal shortage at  
the present time.

At the same time that coal in these  
vast quantities has been accumulating at  
the sidings and at the docks, ships have  
left South Wales ports for South America  
in ballast, the ballast consisting of the  
rubbish from pit-heads, for which the  
collieries are paid 3s. a ton. Surely it  
would have been better to have sent out  
coal in these ships, though the limit of  
coal export to Argentina, as fixed by the  
export committee, may have been  
exceeded.

And the coal now crowding the sidings  
has been diverted to coke ovens, which are  
working below their capacity owing to  
coal shortage, with a resultant reduction  
in the output of benzol for explosives; or  
had it been shipped or conveyed by rail  
to where it is urgently needed, there  
would be a clearance of trucks, and there  
would be no necessity to close down the  
pits.

## WATCHED OVER.

It has long been the custom in South  
Wales during the fortnight preceding  
Christmas for the managers to offer  
bonuses and prizes to the miners who  
produce the biggest output or the best  
loaded trains with the minimum of small  
and waste. But in the fortnight preced-  
ing this Christmas, when there is more  
urgent need than ever there was for a  
large production of coal, the output pro-  
mises to be lamentably small, due to  
reasons beyond the control of coal-owners  
or miners but within the control of the  
Government. The miners themselves  
and difficultly in getting enough coal for  
their own household consumption.

A number of committees are in  
existence dealing with coal production,  
including an export committee for the  
licensing of exports; a Home Office Com-  
mittee to stimulate production; Com-  
mittees of the Explosives Department and  
the Ministry of Munitions; whose func-  
tion it is to provide coal for munition  
factories; and finally, the Committee of  
which Lord Milner was chairman, whose  
duty it was to regulate coal supplies. In  
spite of all these committees the deplorable  
situation that we have described has  
arisen.

Sir Albert Stanley, the new President  
for the Board of Trade, has taken the  
matter in hand.

## GENERAL TOWNSHEND'S ORDERS.

I have seen the Divisional Orders  
issued by Major-General Townshend  
from November 13, 1915, to April 23,  
1916, and also certain communications  
written by the General's correspondents  
of *The Times*. A communication, dated April  
23, 1916, shows that the surrender of  
Kut was negotiated by General Town-  
shend on the direct order of the Com-  
mander-in-Chief of the army of which  
his force formed a part. The com-  
munique says: "Those considerations  
alone—viz, that I can help my comrades  
of all ranks to the end—have decided  
me to overcome my bodily illness and  
the anguish of mind which I am suffering  
now, and I interviewed the Turkish  
General-in-Chief yesterday. He is full  
of admiration of 'an heroic defence of  
six months' as he put it."

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TO SAIL	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NINGPO, SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Feb. 10, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	WENCHOW	Feb. 10, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	YINCHOW	Feb. 11, Daylight.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	CHANGCHOW	Feb. 11, at Noon.
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	SUSUKIANG	Feb. 13, at 10 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	CHUSHA	Feb. 14, at Noon.
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HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	SUNDAY, Feb. 11, at 7 a.m.
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SANDAKAN	HINSANG	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21, at Noon.

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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. Akamatsu, Tons 12,500	TUESDAY, 6th March at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU, Capt. Soyeda, Tons 12,500	SATURDAY, 10th Feb. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	MIYAZAKI MARU, Capt. Terada, Tons 12,500	MONDAY, 12th Feb. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	KITANO MARU, Capt. F. E. Cope, Tons 12,500	THURSDAY, 22nd Feb. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	JENSEN MARU, Capt. Shirai, Tons 8,000	WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb. at Noon.
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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917. 1477

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No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

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Hong Kong, April 7, 1916.

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\$23,970,367.  
—Authorized Capital \$4,000,000  
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Paid-up Capital \$2,437,500  
—Fire Funds \$3,857,047  
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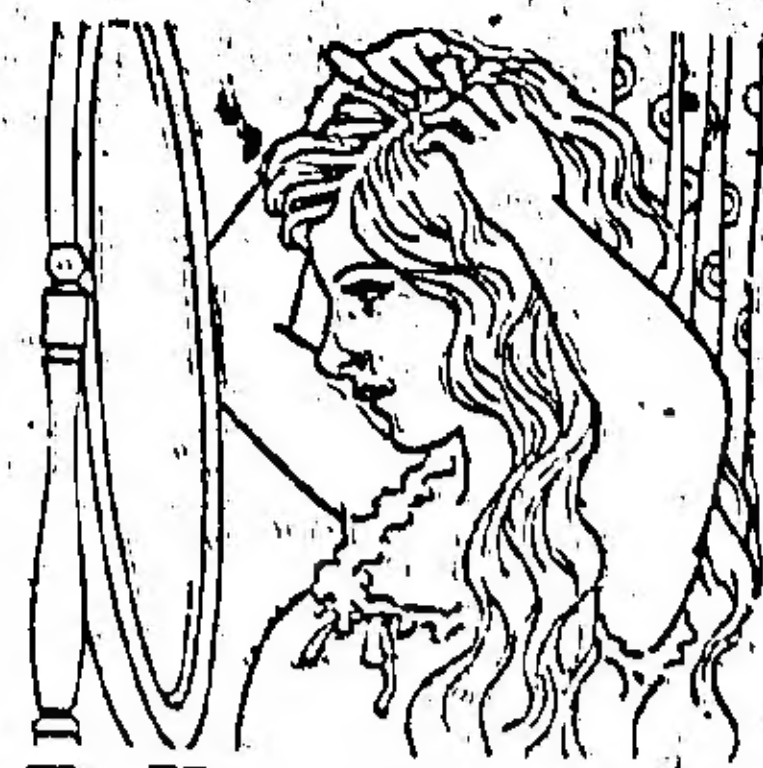
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## CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.  
Quarter hour, ..... 10 cents.  
Half hour, ..... 20  
One hour, ..... 35  
Two hours, ..... 70  
Three hours, ..... 105  
Six hours, ..... 210  
Day (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), ..... \$1.00  
If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.  
Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 8 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.  
Hour, ..... 0.50 cents.  
Three hours, ..... 1.50  
Six hours, ..... 3.00  
Day (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), ..... 6.00

III.—In the Hill District.  
With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.  
Quarter hour, ..... \$0.15 ..... \$0.30  
Half hour, ..... 0.20 ..... 0.40  
One hour, ..... 0.30 ..... 0.60  
Two hours, ..... 0.50 ..... 1.00  
Three hours, ..... 0.70 ..... 1.50  
Six hours, ..... 1.00 ..... 2.00  
Day (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), ..... 1.50 ..... 3.00

IV.—In the Island of Hong Kong if engaged in Victoria.  
Ten minutes, ..... 5 cents.  
Quarter hour, ..... 10  
Half hour, ..... 15  
One hour, ..... 20  
Every subsequent hour ..... 20

Note.—If the Ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m. or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.  
Quarter hour, ..... 5 cents.  
Half hour, ..... 10  
Hour, ..... 15  
Every subsequent hour ..... 10

III.—Taipei Road.  
Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the driver causes the journey to take longer than—  
To 4th mile—  
single ..... 75 cents ..... 1 hour.  
return ..... \$1.00 ..... 2 hours.  
Beyond 4th to 8th mile—  
single ..... \$1.50 ..... 4 hours.  
return ..... \$2.00 ..... 8 hours.  
Beyond 8th to 12th mile—  
single ..... \$2.50 ..... 6 hours.  
return ..... \$3.50 ..... 12 hours.

Fares for journeys beyond the 12th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.  
The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsing Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.  
I. Not exceeding one passenger.  
From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home ..... 04 cents.  
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital ..... 04  
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower ..... 04  
From Clock Tower to Race Course ..... 10  
From Clock Tower to Bay View House ..... 12  
From Wanchai Market to Bay View House ..... 08  
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay ..... 08

II.—In the City of Victoria.  
Not exceeding one passenger.  
Quarter hour, ..... 10 cents.  
Half hour, ..... 20  
One hour, ..... 35  
Two hours, ..... 70  
Three ..... 105  
Four ..... 140  
Five ..... 175  
Six ..... 210  
One day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. \$1.20

III.—Beyond Victoria.  
Not exceeding one passenger.  
One hour, ..... 25 cents.  
Two hours, ..... 50  
Three ..... 75  
Four ..... 100  
Five ..... 125  
Six ..... 150  
One day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. \$1.50

IV.—In Kowloon.  
Not exceeding one passenger.  
Quarter hour, ..... 5 cents.  
Half hour, ..... 10  
One hour, ..... 15  
Two hours, ..... 30  
Three ..... 45  
Four ..... 60  
Five ..... 75  
Six ..... 90  
One day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. \$1.00

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 8 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 9th at 11.35.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly from Vladivostok to Shanghai, and has increased considerably from Hongkong to Tientsin. It is nearly stationary in the extreme south.

The anticyclone has spread southward. Fresh monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.49 inches, against an average of 1.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 10th February—  
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.  
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Haiban: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Feb., 1917—

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Feb. 9th.	5.47 a.m.	6.27 p.m.
10th.	5.48	6.28
11th.	5.48	6.29
12th.	5.48	6.29
13th.	5.48	6.30
14th.	5.48	6.31
15th.	5.48	6.31
16th.	5.48	6.31
17th.	5.48	6.32
18th.	5.48	6.32
19th.	5.48	6.33
20th.	5.48	6.34
21st.	5.48	6.35
22nd.	5.48	6.35
23rd.	5.48	6.35
24th.	5.48	6.35
25th.	5.48	6.36
26th.	5.48	6.36
27th.	5.48	6.37
28th.	5.48	6.36

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 9, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Wai Tsang	30.18	3	W	6	b	
Memuro	30.18	3	W	6	b	
Kakodai	30.18	3	W	6	b	
Kochi	30.18	3	W	6	b	
Nagasaki	30.18	3	W	6	b	
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